

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 11/24/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Darci Hafley 805-788-2156	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve an agreement with the California Healthcare Foundation for a Regional Opioid safety grant in the amount of \$60,000 to prevent overdose deaths due to opiates throughout the County. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve an agreement with the California Healthcare Foundation for a Regional Opioid safety grant in the amount of \$60,000 to prevent overdose deaths due to opiates throughout the County.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Grant Funds	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$30,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$30,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: ____11/3/2015____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 11/24/2015

SUBJECT: Request to approve an agreement with the California Healthcare Foundation for an eighteen month Regional Opioid safety grant in the amount of \$60,000 to prevent overdose deaths due to opiates throughout the County. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve an eighteen month agreement with the California Healthcare Foundation for a Regional Opioid safety grant in the amount of \$60,000 to prevent overdose deaths due to opiates throughout the County.

DISCUSSION

On [November 3, 2015](#) the Board granted permission for the Behavioral Health Department to apply for a regional opioid safety grant. The Behavioral Health Department received one of only [twelve \(12\) awards](#) in the State, and received the maximum amount of \$60,000. The grant funding is for an eighteen month period: November 1, 2015 - May 30, 2017.

Every day, forty-four (44) people in the US die from overdosing on opioid prescription painkillers, and many more become dependent on these medications. While there has been no overall change in the amount of pain that Americans report, the amount of prescription painkillers dispensed in the U.S. has quadrupled since 1999, as has the death rate from these medications. The misuse of these painkillers – drugs like oxycodone, codeine, and morphine – is the nation's fastest-growing drug problem and has been classified as an epidemic by the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

The goal of the overall grant is to create the San Luis Obispo Opioid Safety Coalition (SLO Coalition) with the purpose of reducing opioid-related deaths by 30% in 3 years. San Luis Obispo County ranks 22nd (out of 58) in California deaths related to opioid pharmaceuticals.

The SLO Coalition will support the following grant objectives:

- Enhance safe prescribing practices. SLO Coalition plans to implement common prescribing guidelines for emergency departments across the four local hospitals. SLO Coalition will work with local primary care physicians and groups to develop a referral network and smooth transitions to substance use disorder treatment specialists as appropriate, increasing information sharing about the options for treatment in our community
- Expand access to medication assisted treatment throughout the community. The expansion of substance use disorder treatment specialists capable of utilizing medication-assisted treatment will be needed as currently San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Services is at capacity. The coalition will seek other avenues to increase communitywide capacity.
- Increase naloxone (a medication used to reverse the effects of opioid overdose) access. SLO Coalition will increase distribution at primary care clinics, other substance use disorder treatment points of access, and through law enforcement agencies. SLO Coalition will increase utilization and training of naloxone through public and

private education.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Behavioral Health Department has received letters of support and commitment to participate in SLO Coalition from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department, San Luis Obispo Police Department, San Luis Obispo County Probation Department, Paso Robles Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Sober Living Facilities, Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, the Behavioral Health Board, CenCal Health, CVS Pharmacy, Cal Poly, and various private health care providers.

County Counsel has reviewed the agreement as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The grant budget contains \$45,000 for coordination of the coalition, and \$15,000 for travel and supplies. According to the grant payment schedule, the Behavioral Health Department will receive \$30,000 in FY 2015-16 and \$30,000 in FY 2016-17. While the Department did not budget for this expense in FY 2015-16, there is sufficient appropriation to cover the expense. Any remaining amount will be included in the Department's FY 2016-17 proposed budget.

Once the grant agreement is signed and the coalition begins meeting, it will be determined if the coordinator will be a contracted position or if there is capacity in existing Behavioral Health staff.

RESULTS

A community dashboard will be developed to track the impact of SLO Coalition, and will track the following:

Measures	Data Source
Deaths related to opioid pharmaceuticals	California Department of Public Health, Vital Statistics Death Statistical Master and Multiple Case of Death files
Number of licensed physicians accepting referrals for buprenorphine treatment	County of San Luis Obispo Suboxone Provider List
Number of naloxone distribution locations or access points	County of San Luis Obispo Overdose Prevention Project training records
Non-fatal opioid-related emergency department visits	California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
Prescription data	California Prescription Monitoring Program

The Regional Opioid Safety grant will help the Behavioral Health Department achieve its mission of working in collaboration with the community to provide services necessary to improve the health and safety of individuals and families affected by substance use disorders. Reduction in opiate related deaths will save approximately eighteen (18) lives annually contributing the County of San Luis Obispo goals of a safe and health community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Regional Opioid Safety Grant Agreement